

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles,~~ An amorphous silica particle having ~~wherein the~~ a maximum value of $\Delta V_p/\Delta R_p$ (~~where V_p is the pore volume [mm³/g] and R_p is the pore radius [nm]~~) is 20 mm³/nm \cong g⁻¹ or more in the pore distribution curve obtained by a benzene adsorption isotherm, wherein V_p is the pore volume [mm³/g] and R_p is the pore radius [nm]; and ~~the~~

a pore peak radius when the $\Delta V_p/\Delta R_p$ value is maximum is from 20 nm or more to 100 nm or less when the $\Delta V_p/\Delta R_p$ value is maximum.

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica particle according to Claim 1, wherein the maximum value of $\Delta V_p/\Delta R_p$ (~~where V_p is the pore volume [mm³/g] and R_p is the pore radius [nm]~~) is 30 mm³/nm \cong g⁻¹ or more in the pore distribution curve obtained by a benzene adsorption isotherm, wherein V_p is the pore volume [mm³/g] and R_p is the pore radius [nm]; and ~~the~~

a pore peak radius when the $\Delta V_p/\Delta R_p$ value is maximum is from 30 nm or more to 90 nm or less when the $\Delta V_p/\Delta R_p$ value is maximum.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica particle according to Claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the oil absorption measured by JISK6217-4 (a carbon black for rubber - basic characteristics) is more than 260 ml/100g.

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica particle according to ~~Claims~~ Claim 3, wherein the oil absorption measured by JISK6217-4 (a carbon black for rubber - basic characteristics) is more than 280 ml/ 100g.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica particle according to Claim 4, wherein the oil absorption measured by JISK6217-4 (a carbon black for rubber - basic characteristics) is more than 300 ml/100g.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica particle according to Claim 5, wherein the oil absorption measured by JISK6217-4 (a carbon black for rubber – basic characteristics) is more than 320 ml/100g.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica particle according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 6~~ Claim 1, wherein the OI1 is 9.5 or less.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): ~~Amorphous silica particles~~ The amorphous silica particle according to ~~any one of Claims 1 to 7~~ Claim 1, wherein the OI2 is 1.2 or less.

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~Use of~~ A method for producing chemical adsorbing agents, the method comprising:

blending the silica particles according to any one of Claims 1 to 8 Claim 1 with a resin, ~~as mating agent, adsorbent (carrier) for pharmaceuticals and/or agrochemicals, extender or filler of various rubbers.~~

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): An adsorbent for pharmaceuticals, and/or agrochemicals, comprising the amorphous silica particles according to ~~any one of Claim 1 to~~ 8.

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Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A matting agent, comprising the amorphous silica particles according to ~~any one of~~ Claim 1 ~~to 8~~.